

What is claimed is:

1. An aqueous composition comprising:

- a) polymer having pendant crosslinking groups; and
- b) one or more unsaturated fatty acid esters;

5            wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters have an average iodine number of at least 50;

             wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters comprise less than 10 weight % triethylenically unsaturated fatty acid ester based on the weight of said unsaturated fatty acid esters; and

10        wherein said aqueous composition comprises less than 5 weight % volatile organic compounds based on weight of said aqueous composition.

2. The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said pendant crosslinking groups are selected from the group consisting of acetoacetoxy groups, cyanoacetoxy groups, amine groups, and vinyl groups.

3. The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said polymer has a minimum film formation temperature of less than 25 °C.

20        4. The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said unsaturated fatty acid ester is selected from the group consisting of esters of palmitoleic acid, oleic acid, caproic acid, linoleic acid, and mixtures thereof.

25        5. The aqueous composition according to claim 1 comprising less than 1.7 weight % of said volatile organic compounds based on weight of said aqueous composition.

6. The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said polymer having pendant crosslinking groups comprising as polymerized units, from 1 to 10 mole %

crosslinking monomer, based on total polymerized monomer contained in said polymer having pendant crosslinking groups.

7. A method of preparing a nonyellowing crosslinked coating, comprising the steps  
5 of:

a) applying an aqueous composition onto a substrate; wherein said aqueous composition comprises:

- 1) polymer having pendant crosslinking groups; and
- 2) one or more unsaturated fatty acid esters;

10 wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters have an average iodine number of at least 50;

wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters comprise less than 10 weight % triethylenically unsaturated fatty acid ester based on the weight of said unsaturated fatty acid esters; and

15 wherein said aqueous composition comprises less than 5 weight % volatile organic compounds based on weight of said aqueous composition;

b) drying or allowing to dry said aqueous composition applied to said substrate to prepare a dry coating; and

c) crosslinking or allowing to crosslink said dry coating in the presence of oxygen to  
20 provide said nonyellowing crosslinked coating.

8. The method according to claim 7 comprising less than 1.7 weight % of said volatile organic compounds based on the weight of said aqueous composition.

25 9. The method according to claim 7 wherein said polymer has a minimum film formation temperature of less than 25 °C.

10. The method according to claim 9 wherein said aqueous composition comprises from 0.1 to 3 weight % of said unsaturated fatty acid esters, based on the weight of said aqueous composition.